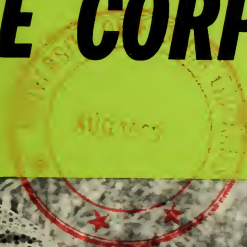
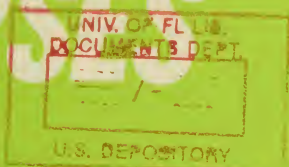


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(Cover): Peace Corps Nurse, Mrs. Anne Moore, of Alexandria, Ohio, treats infant at outdoor clinic of Sokode Hospital in Togo.

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Until about a year ago, Registered Nurse Darleen Wegner, 24, was an instructor of medical surgical nursing at the West Nebraska General Hospital School of Nursing in Scottsbluff, Neb. Today she is a surgical nurse with the Peace Corps working at the Magburka Hospital in Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Malinda DuBose, 27, was a clinical instructor of communicable disease nursing at the Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, Fla., before joining the Peace Corps in 1961. Today she is a public health nurse with the Peace Corps medical team in St. Lucia, British West Indies.

Registered Nurse Charlette Christianson, 22, was a student at the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Minneapolis until joining the Peace Corps in 1961. She is now serving as an operating room nurse in the District Hospital, Lyallpur, West Pakistan.

Registered Nurse Beverley Hovendick was teaching arts and crafts in a New Jersey junior high school and serving as a special duty nurse part-time until joining the Peace Corps in 1962. She is now serving as a Peace Corps nurse in Danli, Honduras, assisting in surgery and in the immunization of villagers. A graduate of St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing, Dayton, O., Beverley, 32, also teaches English in her spare time.

Registered Nurse Patricia Hogan, 22, from Des Moines, Iowa, is serving as a staff nurse in the pediatrics ward of the Princess Margaret Hospital in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika. A 1962 graduate of the College of St. Theresa in Winona, Minn., Pat also teaches hygiene and child-care several evenings a week after her regular nursing assignment. She teaches the courses in Swahili.



Sadie Stout of Arkansas City, Kan., works with patients at Sengei Buloh Leprosarium in Malaya. She is one of four Volunteers at the hospital.

Kathleen Murray was a supervisor of nurses at the Long Beach Community Hospital in California before joining the Peace Corps in 1961. Today she is working at the Kota Bahru Hospital on the north east coast of Malaya, in charge of about 80 leprosy patients. Kathleen, 31, is a graduate of the Malden Hospital School of Nursing in Massachusetts. She had served earlier as a public health nurse at a leprosarium in Hawaii.

CRITICAL HEALTH PROBLEMS

These registered nurses, along with many others now serving with the Peace Corps in developing nations around the world, are dealing firsthand with health conditions and clinical situations seldom encountered in our country. Their reward is the satisfaction of applying their training and experience to critical problems of human need. They are also developing skills in the broad field of international health which can be used in a variety of careers.

Medical standards which we know and expect in this country have not been reached in most developing

nations. Smallpox, malaria, tuberculosis, dysentery and nutritional deficiency continue to plague most of the peoples of the world. Millions of lives are lost to diseases we consider conquered.

Peace Corps Volunteer Registered Nurses work side-by-side with host country nurses within the framework of existing health services, helping to overcome an appalling waste of humanity. The Volunteers and their co-workers are under the supervision of trained host country medical and nursing personnel. Volunteer nurses are not assigned to supervisory or consultant positions.

Peace Corps nurses work as staff nurses or head nurses in urban or rural hospitals, clinics and health centers. Many Volunteers work in special hospitals, such as tuberculosis sanatoria, leprosaria, mental, maternity, or infectious disease hospitals.

Other Volunteers serve as instructors in schools of nursing, as instructors of auxiliary personnel, and in public health or community development projects. Special preparation in operating room techniques, public health, midwifery, anesthesia, psychiatric nursing or physical therapy often can be utilized within Peace Corps projects. Training or experience in public health nursing is of particular value.

Karelyn Hodges, of Lansing, Mich., is engaged in public health work in St. Lucia, B.W.I. She assists in six clinics throughout the island.



VARIED ASSIGNMENTS

Depending upon the situation and the Volunteer's level of experience, a nurse may be the only Peace Corps Volunteer assigned to a particular clinic or rural health center. On the other hand, Peace Corps Volunteer nurses may also be assigned to work in medical facilities where there are many other Volunteers — other registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, physicians, hospital administrators, medical technologists, laboratory technicians, dental hygienists and assistants, and other medical personnel. In every case, Volunteer Registered Nurses — both newly licensed and highly experienced nurses — work in stimulating jobs for which they are professionally qualified.

Nurse DuBose, for example, is credited with helping stem a crippling typhoid epidemic in St. Lucia with intensive injections, diet instruction and training in personal hygiene. In one 11-week period, she treated 1,650 children with whooping cough, malnutrition, intestinal parasites and skin infections.

About her work, she says: "The satisfying and heart-warming experiences are multiplied many times a day. You will know these as you assist in the crowded rural clinics, attempting to teach a mother the proper

Dr. Edward Nygren, left, of Westminster, Md., assists the chief surgeon at a model hospital in Sokode, Togo, 150 miles in the interior.



diet for her child, or to explain the reason that her child has intestinal parasites. And you will see the smile on her face, which says, 'I believe you and will try to do as you say'."

Nurse Christianson says her operating room duties vary from being a supervisor to scrubbing or giving anaesthesia.

"When I first came to the hospital," she wrote, "I made a big list of all the things I wanted and the things which I felt needed to be changed. It was much too big to show to anyone, so I put it away and started with little things. I found the list this week and was pleased to note how much I can strike off as being complete, or almost complete."

QUALIFICATIONS

WHO MAY APPLY FOR REGISTERED NURSE ASSIGNMENTS: Any Registered Professional Nurse or Student Nurse in her last year of nursing school, regardless of age, who is a U.S. citizen may apply for service as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Volunteers must be in excellent physical and mental health.

NOTE: Nurses will not be assigned to an overseas position until they are licensed to practice in one of the states. However, newly graduated nurses who have taken the licensing exam may be allowed to enter the Peace Corps training program prior to receiving a license to practice. In these cases, assignment overseas following the training program would not be made until the Volunteers receive licenses.

The newly graduated nurse or senior nursing student should indicate a date following the licensing exam as the date of availability for Peace Corps service.

HOW TO APPLY: You may apply by filling out a Peace Corps Volunteer Questionnaire. Write to the Professional and Technical Division, Peace Corps, Washington 25, D. C. (Use Coupon provided, if desired.) Ask for the Peace Corps Fact Book and the Volunteer Questionnaire. The latter serves as a combination application and inventory of skills, interests and experience. Questionnaires are also available at Post Offices, and from your Congressman or Senator.

MARRIAGE: Married Registered Nurses are eligible for the Peace Corps if they have no dependents under 18 and if their spouses apply at the same time and are qualified to do a needed job. Naturally, husbands and wives serve together in the same country.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES, CULTURES: Volunteers will not need to have previous knowledge of foreign languages and customs when applying for Peace Corps service. They will receive instruction in the language and culture of the host country in a special training program. This three month program,



Volunteer Nurse, Addis Palmer, of Northport, L.I., N.Y. checks an ear complaint of a West Pakistani at a rural dispensary in Bucheki.

conducted at a major U.S. university or college, also will emphasize the particular health problems and practices of the host country.

PAY AND ALLOWANCE: During the training period all necessary travel, books, food, housing, incidentals and medical care are provided by the Peace Corps. During overseas service, Volunteers are paid a living allowance sufficient to provide simple, healthful and unpretentious living.

Volunteers receive a re-adjustment allowance of just under \$1800—accumulated at \$75 for each month of service. While these funds are accumulating, they may be used to repay educational loans previously incurred.

TRAVEL AND LEAVE: Volunteers receive 30 days leave each year. During leave time they will be paid their usual living allowance. A small additional allowance will be provided for travel away from their duty stations. Volunteers are encouraged to use their leave to travel in the host country or to visit neighboring countries.

DISABILITY BENEFITS: Disability benefits, including medical care, will be provided and any illness or injury incurred in the line of duty will be covered.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER REGISTERED NURSES ARE SERVING IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES

LATIN AMERICA

Bolivia
Brazil
Chile
Honduras
Jamaica
St. Lucia
Peru
Colombia

AFRICA

Tanganyika
Togo
Ethiopia
Tunisia
Sierra Leone

NEAR EAST — SOUTH EAST & SOUTH WEST ASIA

West Pakistan
Afghanistan
Malaya
North Borneo
Sarawak
India
East Pakistan

**ADDITIONAL REGISTERED NURSES ARE NEEDED NOW
FOR NEW PROJECTS IN THESE AND OTHER COUNTRIES**



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"Both as a nurse and the aims of the Peace Corps. The Peace Corps offers each nurse a personally rewarding opportunity to represent her country and to render valuable humanitarian service, as well as the rare opportunity to further her career development, to gain an interest in international nursing and to broaden her outlook through a wide variety of cross-cultural experiences. Each Peace Corps Volunteer nurse — working side by side with nurses of the host country — is sharing her skills and developing mutual understanding."

"Nurses have traditionally been able and willing to respond to the challenges of the times. I am confident that the Peace Corps will find the number and kinds of nurses it needs."

Mrs. Lucile Petry Leone
Chief Nurse Officer
Public Health Service
Health, Education, and Welfare

Dear Mr. Pagano:

I am a Registered Nurse or a Student Nurse and would appreciate receiving the following Peace Corps material:

- ☐ The 28 page Peace Corps Fact Book
☐ Peace Corps Volunteer Questionnaire (application)

I would be available to enter training for a Peace Corps nursing project on _____
(Date)

Name _____

Age _____

Street Address _____

City & State _____

Comment, if any _____

CLIP AND MAIL THIS COUPON TO:

PEACE CORPS, Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Jules Pagano, Director
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